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1. ACCORDING TO WELL- PLACED SOURCE WITHIN IZMIR RPP PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION, ISSUE OF BUCA MAYOR YUKSEL CAKMUR WAS CAUSE OF FIRST MAJOR DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN ECEVIT AND KIRIKOGLU AND CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO DECISION BY KIRIKOGLU TO RESIGN FROM HIS POSITION AS RPP SECRETARY GENERAL. WE KNOW THAT CAKMUR AFFAIR WAS MAJOR ISSUE WITHIN IZMIR PROVINCIAL RPP ORGANIZATION

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AND CREATED SOME DISAFFECTION TOWARD ECEVIT ON PART OF RPP PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP WHICH LINGERS ON.

2. IN TWO YEARS SINCE HIS ELECTION AS BUCA MAYOR, CAKMUR WAS UNEQUIVOCAL SUCCESS. HE ALSO CAME TO CONSIDER HIMSELF AS LEADING RPP FIGURE IN IZMIR AND REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO DICTATE ON SUCH MATTERS AS PARTY ADMINISTRATION TO RPP PROVINCIAL CHAIRMAN

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BENGISU. CAKMUR ALSO DEMANDED THAT HE BE MADE CHAIRMAN OF PARTY PROVINCIAL CONGRESS AND THAT HE ALONE CHOOSE PARTY CANDIDATES FOR BUCA MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY ELACTION. WHEN HE DID NOT GET HIS WAY, CAKMUR REPORTELY HAD TANTRUMS. ISSUE CAME TO HEAD IN JAN 1973 ONE MONTH BEFORE BUCA ELECTION WHEN BENGISU ACCUSED CAKMUR OF CONDUCTING PERSONAL PROPAGANDA AND OIOLATING PARTY DISCIPLINE. CAKMUR WAS REFERRED TO RPP PROVINCIAL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT HE BE EXPELLED FROM RPP. CAKMUR ASSERTED THAT EXPULSION EFFORT WAS PLOT BY THOSE WHO WISHED TO DESTROY HIM PPOLITICALLQ AND CONTROL SELECTION OF RPP CANDIDATES. BENGISU

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COUNTERED PUBLICLY THAT RPP WOULD WIN BUCA ELECTION EASILY WITHOUT CAKMUR.

3. TEN DAYS PRIOR TO ELECTION, PROVINCIAL DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE EXPELLED CAKMUR FROM RPP FOR ONE YEAR. CAKMUR ASSERTED THAT ACTION WOULD BE OF BENEFIT ONLY TO JP AND APPEALED DIRECTLY TO RPP SUPREME DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE IN ANKARA. IN EMERGENCY MEETING, SUPREME DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE SUSPENDED PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE XPULSION ORDER PENDING FINAL DECISION AT LATER DATE. (THIS DECISON STILL NOT FORTHCOMING.)

4. LOCAL RPP SOURCE TOLD US THAT KIRIKOGLU UPHELD EXPULSION DECISION BY IZMIR ORTANIZATION ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS MATTER FOR LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATION TO DECIDE. KIRIKLGLU SUPPOSEDLY TOOK POSITION ALSO THAT TO OVERTURN PROPERLY MADE LOCAL DECISION WOULD BE DESTRUCTIVE TO PARY DISCIPLINE AND ORGANIZATION. ECEVIT, HOWEVER, REPORTEDLY DECIDED THAT EXPULSION OF CAKMUR TEN DAYS BEFORE ELECTION COULD HURT RPP CHANCES OF WINNING SIGNIFICANT ELECTORAL VICTORY AND

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OVERRULED HIS SECRETARY GENERAL. KIRIKOGLU WAS SAID
TO HAVE BEEN OFFENDED BY WHAT HE VIEWED AS UNDER-
CUTTING DECISION TO GO WITH EXPENDIENCY RATHER THAN
PRINCIPLE.

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